

# SENATE BILL No. 443

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-34-3-21.

**Synopsis:** Student health measurements. Requires each school corporation to: (1) report certain student health data for students in grades 3, 5, and 7 to the state department of health beginning in 2010; and (2) inform the students' parents of the data collected and the right to obtain the data. Requires the state department of health to: (1) develop materials for the school corporation to distribute concerning body mass index; and (2) publish an annual report summarizing the data collected by the school corporations.

**Effective:** July 1, 2009.

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January 14, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-34-3-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2009]: **Sec. 21. (a) Beginning in 2010, each school corporation**  
4 **shall collect and record the height, weight, ethnicity, age, and sex**  
5 **of the school corporation's students in the following grades:**

6 (1) **Grade 3.**

7 (2) **Grade 5.**

8 (3) **Grade 7.**

9 **The school corporation shall annually report the information**  
10 **collected under this subsection to the state department of health.**

11 **(b) The school corporation shall inform the parent or guardian**  
12 **of a student tested under subsection (a) in writing that the**  
13 **information concerning the student was collected and that the**  
14 **parent or guardian may obtain the information from the school**  
15 **upon request.**

16 **(c) A school corporation shall report data collected under**  
17 **subsection (a) according to rules adopted under this section.**



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(d) Data may not be reported under this section in a way that makes students personally identifiable.

(e) The data collected under this section may not be recorded on:

- (1) a child's report card;
- (2) a child's transcript; or
- (3) another document from which an individual other than the child's family or school personnel could determine the identity of the child.

(f) The state department of health, in consultation with the department, shall publish and make available to the public an annual report summarizing data collected under this section.

(g) The state department of health shall develop materials for the school corporation to distribute that includes the following:

- (1) An explanation of body mass index.
- (2) The limitations of using body mass index.
- (3) The need to interpret body mass index on an individual basis.

(h) The state department of health and the state board shall adopt joint rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section. The rules must include the following:

- (1) Information regarding the importance of accurate measurements and the collection of measurements for improving children's health.
- (2) Procedures for the measurement of children in a respectful and dignified manner.

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